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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

National Intelligence Council

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26 August 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1  
Assistant National Intelligence Officer  
for Strategic Programs  
SUBJECT: Support to Huberman Space Advisory Panel

1. Action Required: None; this is for your information only. [REDACTED] 25X1

2. Background: Last May, you were contacted by Ben Huberman, who is serving as Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee to Space Command, with a request for a Community assessment of the threat to the ground-based segments of our space assets, in support of the Panel's own study. At that time, you accepted National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs' recommendation that rather than produce a new National Intelligence Estimate or Interagency Intelligence Memorandum, we instead provide already-existing materials and make available any briefing support necessary. [REDACTED] 25X1

3. Status Report: We did pull together a set of publications that bear on the concerns of the Huberman panel, and he and a colleague (Jim Wilson of the Naval Studies Board) came out to review the package. As a follow-on, I recently accompanied two CIA officers [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] when they briefed the full panel. 25X1  
Both briefings were very well received, and I doubt that we will be asked for any additional support to this study effort. [REDACTED] 25X1

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Committee to US Space Command

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Lawrence K. Gershwin  
National Intelligence Officer for  
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I do not think it would be particularly worthwhile to do a new assessment of the threat to ground facilities. While the material available is pretty thin, it does make the point that these facilities are generically vulnerable. To assess the actual threat, you would have to do a great deal of site-specific analysis. I think the best way to satisfy the Committee's needs is to brief them.

*Larry*

Lawrence K. Gershwin

Washington, D.C. 20505

17 JUN 1988

Mr. Benjamin Huberman  
Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee to  
US Space Command  
1616 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Ben:

I'm pleased to hear of your work as Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee to the US Space Command, and in particular of the Committee's interest in the question of the threat to the ground-based segments of our space assets. While it is true that we have not put together in a single publication a comprehensive Intelligence Community assessment of the threat, we have addressed the issue in some detail in a variety of related contexts. Specifically, I believe you will find some very useful material in a number of publications put out by the National Intelligence Council, Central Intelligence Agency, and Defense Intelligence Agency over the last two years.

I would suggest that you get in touch again with Larry Gershwin, who will make this material available to you at your earliest convenience. Once you have reviewed it, please feel free to discuss with Larry any additional intelligence needs you and the Committee may have beyond what already exists. Although I would be somewhat reluctant to direct a completely new assessment on the subject at this point, I feel certain we can meet your needs through some combination of existing publications, briefings, and meetings with principal analysts.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bob

Robert M. Gates

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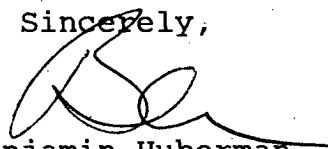
Dear Bob:

I'm chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee to the United Space Command, which was recently established by General Piotrowski. The committee contains several of our former colleagues, such as Rosie, Jasper Welch, Jim Woolsey and Gerry Dineen. (C)

Our initial task is to examine the robustness of command and control for the Space Command's assets in space. In the process of addressing this issue, we've been struck by the absence of a comprehensive intelligence assessment of the threat (national and terrorist) to the ground-based segments of our space assets. Some of these are quite vulnerable and not adequately redundant, a combination which could put certain systems out of action for a long while. Accordingly, I recommend that you direct an assessment of the threat to the ground-based segment. (C)

I have discussed the above with Julian Nall, Evan Hineman and Larry Gershwin, who agree. With best personal regards, (C)

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin Huberman

Mr. Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director  
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